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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NO

SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON STINGER  
MISSILE SYSTEM

1. REQUEST YOU RELAY THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM DEPSECDEF  
ELLSWORTH TO NORWEGIAN DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
DEFENSE JOHAN HOLST. ORIGINAL LETTER WAS FORWARDED VIA  
AIR MAIL ON 1 DEC 76.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

YOUR LETTER OF 30 SEPTEMBER REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THE  
STINGER MISSILE UNFORTUNATELY DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL THE  
28TH OF OCTOBER. I HOPE THIS RESPONSE WILL BE IN TIME TO  
ASSIST YOU IN YOUR UPCOMING DECISION ON A FUTURE LOW  
LEVEL AIR DEFENSE WEAPON FOR THE NORWEGIAN ARMY.

THE DEVELOPMENT PHASE OF THE STINGER SYSTEM IS ESSENTIALLY  
COMPLETE AND TESTS INDICATE IT WILL MEET DESIGN REQUIRE-  
MENTS. WE EXPECT A PRODUCTION DECISION IN APRIL 1977.

IF WE MAKE AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION, PRODUCTION OF  
STINGER IS PROGRAMMED TO BEGIN IN FISCAL YEAR 1978. AL-  
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TERNATIVES TO BE CONSIDERED IN 1977 INCLUDE THE BASIC

STINGER, IMPROVED VERSIONS OF THAT BASIC SYSTEM AND THE

STINGER ALTERNATE. SINCE THE STINGER ALTERNATE IS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT, A DECISION TO PURSUE THAT SYSTEM WOULD BE FOR PRODUCTION MUCH LATER THAN STINGER.

THE DESIGN SHELF LIFE OF STINGER IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT TEN YEARS AND PHASE-IN OF ANY FOLLOW-ON SYSTEM WOULD COINCIDE WITH THAT DESIGN. REGARDING YOUR INQUIRY ON AVAILABILITY DATES AND COSTS, WE AS YET HAVE NO PRODUCTION HISTORY UPON WHICH TO BASE PRECISE COST DATA. IN ADDITION, ASSUMING THAT STINGER GOES INTO PRODUCTION, WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE THE DESIRED NUMBER OF UNITS AND DELIVERY DATES IN ORDER TO RESPOND IN THE DETAIL YOU SEEK.

AS YOU WILL NOTE, MUCH OF THE INFORMATION YOU SEEK WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 1977, AND WE CANNOT AT THIS TIME MAKE A COMMITMENT TO FOREIGN SALES. KISSINGER

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